

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ISSAC MCDONALD,

Plaintiff,

-against-

9:06-CV-410
(LEK/DEP)

ISRAEL RIVERA, *et al*,

Defendants.

DECISION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Court following a Report-Recommendation filed on December 27, 2007 by the Honorable David E. Peebles, United States Magistrate Judge, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and L.R. 72.3 of the Northern District of New York. Report-Rec. (Dkt. No. 27). After ten days from the service thereof, the Clerk has sent the entire file to the undersigned, including the objections by Plaintiff Issac McDonald, which were filed on January 9, 2008 and January 24, 2008. Objections (Dkt. Nos. 34, 38).

It is the duty of this Court to “make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made.” 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). “A [district] judge... may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge.” *Id.* This Court has considered the objections and has undertaken a de novo review of the record and has determined that the Report-Recommendation should be approved for the reasons stated therein.

Accordingly, it is hereby

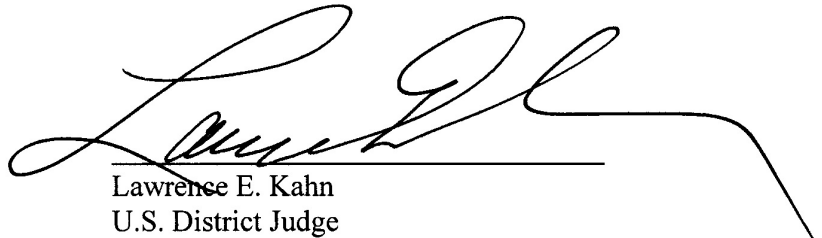
ORDERED, that the Report-Recommendation (Dkt. No. 27) is **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** in its **ENTIRETY**; and it is further

ORDERED, that Defendants' Motion to dismiss (Dkt. No. 25) is **DENIED** as to Plaintiff's equal protection and retaliation claims, as against Defendants Costonas, Wildermuth, and Frazier, but otherwise **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Clerk serve a copy of this Order on all parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: January 30, 2008
Albany, New York



Lawrence E. Kahn
U.S. District Judge